

ST. BERNARDINE'S PARISH LEADERS

Parish Council	Cathy Borowski	348-5650
Altar Care	Lucy Kerecman	998-6701
Altar Servers	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Baptism Classes	Deacon Jerry Cellner	888-8200
Bible Study (Thurs Grp)	Shirley Grochalski	347-6228
Cross Bearers	Dave Goracke	347-0192
Detention Ministry	Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
Environment	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Eucharistic Ministers (To Sick/Homebound)	Robert Nicholas	346-8244
	Deacon Dale Taufer	888-8200
Festival Chairpersons	Cheryl Moore	314-6161
Finance Committee	Kristin Pudwill	712-9991
Funeral Buffet	Shirley Grochalski	347-6228
Gift Shop	Jean Sampson	888-7073
Justice & Peace Ministry	Michael Miller	340-4193
Lectors	Jack Maranto	887-6310
Library	Maria Giammatteo	884-2736
Magnificat	Pat Dunlap	346-5460
Marriage Encounter	Ed/Anna Marie Pudwill	348-1632
Mommy & Me	Kari Lovequist	710-1484
Music Ministry	Marilyn Enos	710-9788
Nursery Care Program	Tami Alcocer/8:30 Mass	610-7442
	Carole Williamson/10:00	999-3764
OASIS	Monica Goudis	348-5100
Parent/Teacher Assoc.	June Hunter	713-8120
Pre-School	Charlene Barkes	716-4730
RCIA	Steve & Sharron Ellms	340-2087
Religious Education	Eileen Fewless	340-1440
Retreats (Men's)	Jim Birkhead	348-4616
Safeguard the Children	Ray Barkes	888-0833
Silverado Music Ministry	Jo & Rudy Vlasak	347-7144
School	Peggy Hill	340-2130
Scouting (Boy Scouts)	Gary Bishop	998-7917
(Cub Scouts)	Richard Robinson	703-7572
(Girl Scouts)	Kim Palkovic	992-0737
Social Activities	Janet Barnet	348-6262
	Susan Bougetz-Aulbach	999-3138
Sunday Pre-School	Wendy Sciuto	592-0049
Ushers	Donna Forrester	712-9922
Welcoming Committee	Darma Trafecanty	884-1686
Women on the Journey	Jean Sampson	346-8116
Youth Ministry	Andrew Gafvert	710-1662



IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 3/4 Sandwich Sunday. Bagged meals (sandwich, chips, dessert, fruit) water, socks and blankets will be collected at all the Masses for distribution to those in need in the San Fernando Valley.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
*Every Tuesday in the Chapel,
 beginning at 7:00 am and ending
 with Benediction at noon.*



ALTAR CARE - January 4, 2009

Mary Kesterson, Amy Okonski,
 Tony Palmisano, Angie Syp and Antonia Tarazan

Schedule of Masses:
 Saturday: 8:30 a.m.; 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
 Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 a.m.;
 12:00 noon & 5:30 p.m.
 Weekdays: 6:30 & 8:30 a.m. (Monday –Friday)
 First Friday: 6:30 & 8:30 a.m.
 (also 11:30 a.m. October - June)
 Holy Days: Schedule to be Announced

Confessions:
 Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
 and anytime by appointment

Website: www.stbernardine.org

Parish Center: 888-8200
School: 340-2130
Religious Education: 340-1440
R.C.I.A./Adult Education: 340-2087
Youth Ministry: 710-1662

Library: 884-2736
Gift Shop: 888-7073

Marriages:
 6 months prior notification requested

Baptisms:
 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month
 Call for an appointment



**From the
Pastor** Dear Friends,

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St. Luke likes to include little homey details in his stories. One detail in today's Gospel passage has an interesting message for families. We are told that when Mary and Joseph presented their baby son at the temple, they offered the sacrifice of a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons, as the laws of Moses prescribed. Perhaps Luke was being kind by simply writing about the sacrifice this way. More likely, he knew his readers didn't need an explanation. But we do: The Law of Moses in Leviticus 12:7-8, required that a sheep be sacrificed after the birth of a child. It went on to say that if a family could not afford a sheep, two turtle doves or pigeons could be offered instead. In the very public setting of the Temple it is likely that most parents did everything they could to come up with the money to pay for a sheep. Mary and Joseph could not afford the best for their son. Of this we can be sure – it made no difference to their baby at all!

What kind of New Year do you expect? This week 'Happy New Years' will be echoing all around us even as we wish the same for others. The question arises -is happiness a gift that the lucky ones get and the rest don't? I doubt it. I believe that much, and maybe all, of our happiness is really under our control. It is the result of choices we make on how we will see things, what attitudes we chose to adopt and what expectations we allow to be out there. So as we begin a New Year I encourage you to see the good in everyone, trust that the Lord is in charge, expect nothing from anyone so everything will be a surprise and a gift. And lastly, begin the New Year on Thursday morning a 10:00 am by joining your faith community in a Eucharistic Celebration. Happy New Year!

~ Fr. McNamara

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 28, 2008



My eyes have seen your
salvation,
which you have prepared
in the sight of all the peoples.

— Luke 2:30-31

Gifts for the Spirit

Come, they told him, to see the new born King.
But the little drummer boy had no gift to bring.
So he played his drum...rum pum pum pum...
for the Child. The child smiled at the simple gift
Reminding us that the best gifts
Come from the heart.

The After Christmas sale at **Gifts for the Spirit**,
your parish gift shop, will begin next weekend,
January 4th. Please plan to stop by.
All Christmas items 50% off.

Gifts For the Spirit is located upstairs in the Parish Center
across from the Hall. The shop is open Sundays from
9:15 am until 1:30 pm & Monday through Friday (check in
the Parish Center office first) from **9:00 am to 12:00 noon**.



FOCUS ON ANGELS

And the angel Gabriel was sent to Mary... Lots of
angels talk in the gospels during this
season. Ever wonder who the angels are? The
Catholic Encyclopedia says they are "intelligent
spiritual creatures who exercise individual care
and protection over people and assist in attainment
of eternal salvation."

Your parish library has over twenty-five adult and
children's books dealing with all kinds of angels.
Come in and learn more about them .. but
remember the old adage ,, "to not drive faster
than your guardian angel can fly"!!
When visiting the library don't miss the
beautiful angel paintings covering the entry wall.

The **Parish Library** is open **Monday—Friday**,
9:00-11:30 am and most **Sundays, after the**
7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon Masses,
as well as **5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes resume on January 13th & 14th.
We wish you a holy, blessed New Year!

SAVE THE DATE!

Father - Daughter Dance

Saturday, January 24, 2009

Also, volunteers needed to work the dance; get school hours credit and have fun!



ARE YOU READY FOR.....?



In your charity please pray for the sick of the parish:

Mary Ann Estabrook, daughter of Bob & Ann Gebken;
Nancy Mahoney; Margo Light;
Donna Bigi; Andy Schmidt;
Robin Rucker; Steve Gutierrez;

Denise Bye; Jean Scherer; Ernest Collette;
Jacques Drouin; Josephine Ramsey; Linda Chan;
Aurelio Salazar; Lucy McClean



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

Angelito Magnaye, brother Demilo;
Calletano Romano, father of Sister Claudia

Mass Intentions For The Week



December 28, 2008 through January 3, 2009

SUNDAY

- 7:00 am Pro Populo
- 8:30 am Robert Fiers+
- 10:00 am Adele DeCicco+
- 12:00 noon Martin S. Christie
- 5:30 pm The Wong Family

MONDAY

- 6:30 am Chris Ziola+
- 8:30 am Susan Juricic+

TUESDAY

- 6:30 am Kathy Smith+
- 8:30 am Sabina Greco+

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 am Luis GoTan+
- 8:30 am Chris Ziola+

NEW YEARS DAY

- 10:00 am Joe Sampson+

FRIDAY

- 6:30 am Jeff Forrester+
- 8:30 am Astrid Morales

SATURDAY

- 8:30 am The Agustin Family
- 5:00 pm Paul Baca+



St. Bernardine of Siena School

New Student Applications for the 2009-2010 school year **will be** available in the school office **beginning Jan 5th** or at the school website at www.school.stbernardine.org

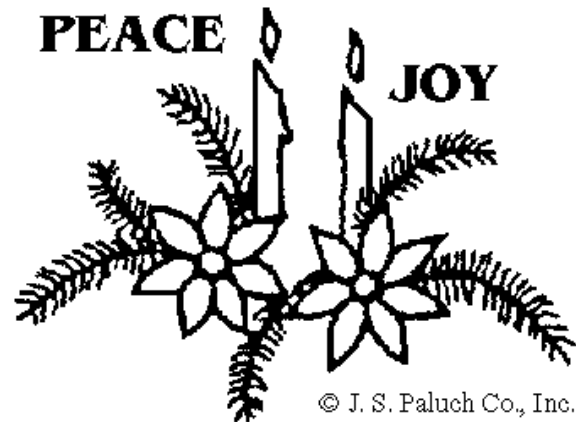




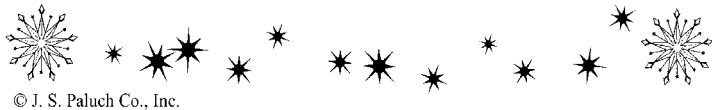
**Gift Your
USED CELL PHONE**

Operation Gratitude is the California based non-profit organization that sends care packages addressed to individually named U.S. Service members deployed in hostile regions throughout the year. Your used cell phone can be converted into a donation to enable our service people to keep receiving these expressions of our gratitude. There will be a box left in the vestibule of the Church to collect your used cell phones continually. For more information on how you can make a difference, please go to www.opgratitude.com or call **Mike/Carolyn Gilmore - 818-702-9705**

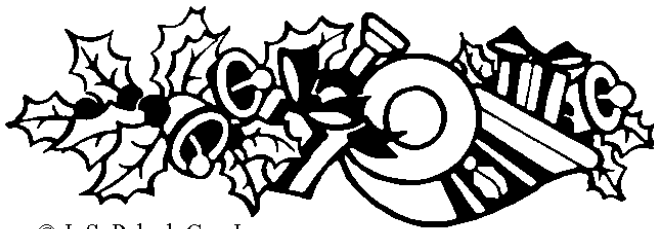
MOTHER TERESA'S MISSIONARY BROTHERS OF CHARITY and CO-WORKERS FROM ST. BERNARDINE are seeking your help. This ministry needs **COOKS and DRIVERS**. You would be called upon (to either cook or drive downtown) once every six weeks on Saturday mornings. If you feel the call to help, please contact **Jean Sampson at 818-888-7073**.



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Old Mission Santa Barbara
Renewal Center
Upcoming "RETREATS"
Dec 31st, 2008-Jan 2, 2009 - Celebrate New Year with a non-alcoholic, reflective, fun retreat. \$100 commuter, \$150 shared room or \$180 private room.
For information or to register: call the MRC Office 805-682-4713 ext 133 or on-line registration at www.santabarbaramission

Medical Volunteers Needed to Spread Hope MEND
MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity), the largest non-profit poverty agency in the San Fernando Valley, invites physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other health professionals to volunteer at our medical clinic serving low income and underserved families in our community. Just a few hours of your time per month will help touch and transform the lives of those in need. MEND relies on the generosity and compassion of more than 2,100 volunteers to provide emergency food, clothing, medical and dental care, and other services to almost 45,000 impoverished individuals per month. Please help us show hope is on the way. Contact **Lupe Acosta**, Volunteer Services Director, **818-896-0246**

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Louisville High School Entrance Exam

January 31, 2009
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

An application for admission and application fee should be on file with the school no later than **January 23, 2009**. There will also be a Financial Aid Night for prospective and current students, **Thursday, January 8th at 7:30 pm** in the school library.



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Chaminade College Preparatory High School

Christmas Break -Dec 18th - Jan 4th
New Student Online Application Deadline-
Friday, January 16, 2009

Application accepted only online at
<http://www.chaminade.org/westhills/HS/admiss/apply.htm>

Entrance Exam Dates—
January 31st & February 7th, 2009
For more information, please call the Admissions office at **818-347-8300**



Crisis Pregnancy Hotline
(800)973-7334
Abortion Recovery Help
(877)467-3463 &
www.rachelsvineyard.org
Holy Family Adoption Services
(805)374-2785

“JOURNEY TO A NEW LIFE”
A unique opportunity for widowed, separated and divorced, will be held on **Saturday, January 17, 2009** at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. This event sponsored by the Office of Family Life features a workshop presented by Rev. Msgr. Jim Gehl, a tour of the Cathedral and Mass. The workshop will focus on healing the hurts of loss from death or divorce and journey to a new life with God’s love and grace. For more information or to register please contact **Julie Auzenne** at **213-637-7247** or email: **jmonell1@altrionet.com**



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How to Enjoy a Thriving Marriage

Sunday, January 11, 2009
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sponsored by St. John Eudes School and Journey through Motherhood Mothers Group

St. John Eudes Church hall
9901 Mason Avenue., Chatsworth
For further information and to register for child-care, please contact:
Katie Dawson, Director of Evangelism/Formation at **818-882-9323**